

**Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2013**

The Bethany Beach Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee held a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in the Bethany Beach Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Members present: Carol Olmstead, who presided; Laren Hughes; Jan Kinsella; Theo Loppatto; Mary Lou McNerney; and Margaret Young.

Absent members: Claudia Dieste; Mary Lou Urquhart; and Jean Wode.

Also present: Lindsey Good, Administrative Secretary.

Call to Order

Ms. Olmstead called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from April 09, 2013 Meeting

After a couple of changes, Ms. Loppatto made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kinsella and unanimously approved.

Announcements

- Ms. Olmstead reported that the Committee will not be viewing the Oral History Project interviews at this meeting. Ms. Hughes provided a report to the members of the current status of the project. Ms. Olmstead advised Ms. Hughes to create a list of photographs that she needs to complete the project.
- Ms. Kinsella reported that the three DelDOT signs for the Museum have been installed within the Town limits and they look nice.
- Ms. Hughes stated that the Bandstand Calendars are now on sale at the front desk for \$5.00. The Committee members emphasized to Ms. Hughes that she did a great job on the calendars.

Smithsonian Exhibit Update

Ms. Olmstead explained that she, Ms. Loppatto and two other representatives from other towns are working on the display for the Smithsonian Exhibit. The Grand Opening of the exhibit is going to take place on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Posters advertising the exhibit were posted at the five places around Town (Town Hall, PNC Bank, Bandstand, Post Office, and South Coastal Library), and the program is also displayed in the Post Office.

Ms. Olmstead noted that Ms. Loppatto has done a great job with the scheduling of a meeting to be held this Friday with all the participating docents, although a few more docents are still needed.

Ms. Loppatto stated that copies of the evaluation form are needed for the opening ceremony and name tags for the docents are also needed. Ms. Olmstead replied that she will bring the evaluation forms to the ceremony and the docents will be filling out their name tags on Sunday.

Ms. Olmstead expressed her appreciation to Ms. Loppatto for all of her hard work on the Smithsonian Exhibit.

#### Discussion Regarding Nebeker House and Other Possible Historical Homes

Ms. Olmstead stated that an e-mail and request form was received last year from a home owner regarding installing a plaque in front of her house to acknowledge that it is a historical house. She asked Ms. Young if she is aware of any other houses in the Town that are historical. Ms. Young replied that the issue is that even though a house may appear to be historical, it probably doesn't follow all of the guidelines.

Ms. Young noted that the Committee is responsible for determining the set guidelines.

Ms. Olmstead reviewed the guidelines previously set for determining qualifications for an historical marker.

Ms. Olmstead asked the Committee members to take note of any other possible historical houses that they may see in Town and report it at the next meeting. She noted that the Committee can review the guidelines for possible changes at a later time.

#### Discussion Regarding July Event for "Periers Day"

Ms. Olmstead provided the background information of Periers Day to Ms. Hughes, and explained that last year Council approved it as being an annual Town event that will take place on July 27<sup>th</sup>. She said that it is now time to begin planning this year's Periers Day.

Ms. Hughes made a suggestion that there be a Bandstand performance relating to France, and recommended "Cirque Du Soleil". She also suggested that a person can wear a Mime costume and be present during the event at the Bandstand. The Committee members expressed that these are great ideas for the event.

The suggested program for the event presented was:

- 1.) 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.: "Cirque Du Soleil" performance on Bandstand
- 2.) 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.: "Mime" will be walking around
- 3.) Sometime prior to 5:30 p.m.: Speaker

Ms. Olmstead stated that she will contact the restaurants in Town to see which ones are interested in participating in Periers' Day by featuring French menu items on that day. Miniature French flags can also be displayed in the participating restaurants.

Ms. Hughes will be responsible for finding a person someone to wear Mime costume during the event and a music group to perform "Cirque Du Soleil". She will also create a poster advertisement and contact the local newspapers (Beach Comber, the Wave, and Coastal Point) to

post the poster a week before the event. Ms. Hughes is going to try to secure a group for the Bandstand performance this week.

#### Summer Docent Program

To advertise the opening of the Museum, Ms. Hughes will create a poster and post it in the five places around Town (Town Hall, PNC Bank, Bandstand, Post Office, and South Coastal Library) and on the front door of the Town Hall in mid-June. A poster will also be displayed in the downstairs lobby advertising the Museum.

The Committee ensued a discussion on when the docent meeting should be scheduled. It was decided to schedule a meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Olmstead will send an e-mail to all those who have volunteered as docents in the past to see who will be interested in participating this summer, and then she will send all interested docents the schedule.

It was noted that Ms. Urquhart was responsible for creating the docent schedule last year. Ms. Kinsella volunteered to help creating the schedule for this year. Ms. Olmstead will contact Ms. Urquhart to see if she is available to help again this year.

#### Contribution to the Clayton Theatre

Ms. Olmstead explained that this item was discussed at the last meeting, and called for a motion to approve making a contribution to the Clayton Theatre.

Ms. Loppatto made a motion to approve making a contribution of \$2,500 to the Clayton Theatre. Ms. Young seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

#### Current Projects Update

Ms. Olmstead reported that there are no updates on current projects at this time.

Ms. Olmstead advised the Committee members to bring all possible historical houses to report at the next meeting.

Ms. Loppatto noted that she knows of someone who is interested in joining CHAC and she will invite her to the next meeting. Ms. Olmstead will also contact her.

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

The next CHAC meeting is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., so the planning of Periers Day can be finalized.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Lindsey Good, Admin. Secretary